



## **GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

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Dear Parent/Carer

Regretfully, I am writing to inform you that, due to Coronavirus our staff absence has reached an untenable level, and from tomorrow (18/3/20) school will only be open for year 7 and year 11. This decision has not been arrived at easily, but we are no longer able to provide a safe educational environment for all students and I feel that year 7 are potentially our most socially vulnerable children, and year 11 have the most pressing need for formal education for as long as we are able to provide it.

Additionally, while we can, we will provide a supervised learning area, and food, for students on Free School Meals as well as children whose parents/carers work for the NHS. Please inform reception if your child will be accessing this provision. Children attending on this basis must sign in and out at reception on a daily basis.

Work for students not in school, or attending the supervised provision, will be set exclusively via the Show My Homework platform. You will, I'm sure want to ensure that children aren't in the local community during core school hours and, to make planning easier, students should generally aim to do work for particular subjects at the timings indicated on their normal timetable.

While staff will endeavour to set sufficient work of a suitably challenging level, if students find they need additional work, they can always fall back on English, Maths and Science via on-line sites such as BBC Bitesize.

Teaching staff will aim to return feedback on work as far as possible, however, the onus is on parents to monitor Show My Homework, and the completion of work.

I am directing staff to avoid personal 1:1 communication with students in almost all cases. Therefore, we will not be utilising the messaging application on Show My Homework. However, if you, or your child, emails the email addresses below, we will try to respond as soon as we are able to. The likelihood is that this will not be within 24 hours.

If children have an urgent Safeguarding or Child Protection problem, they should, as always, follow the 'Keep Me Safe' link on the school website or contact appropriate authorities.

Clearly, this is an unprecedented situation, and we are working hard to manage it as effectively as possible. We really appreciate your patience.

Children in year 7 and year 11 should, for the time being, continue to attend as usual, while following government health advice.



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I will endeavour to communicate with you as regularly as possible via Parentmail and through the Website.

Look after yourselves and your loved ones at this really difficult time for everyone.

Very best wishes

Alasdair Ashcroft  
Headteacher

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